India, the technical details for preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) and maximum basic cost of the project had been agreed upon between the two parties. Further progress on the project has to await the implications of recent political developments in the erstwhile USSR.

Setting up of a Nuclear Powcr Plant

396. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a fresh proposal to set up a nuclear power plant any where in India ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) Government have accorded financial sanction in January, 1991 for setting up of 2 units of 500 M We at Tarapur, Maharashtra. Commencement of the construction work is awaiting availability of adequate funds. With this, the proposal of the Department of Atomic Energy for the VIII five year plan envisages commencement of work of 4 units of 220MWe (Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors) at Kaiga in Karnataka, 2 units of 500 MWe at Rawatbhata in Rajasthan and 2 units of 500 MWe at Tarapur mentioned above. All the eight units will be Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs). The proposals for the VIII plan also include 2 units of 1000 MWe at Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu with the assistance of the erstwhile USSR under the Inter-Governmental agreement. Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor of 500 MWe capacity at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu also forms part of the VIII Plan proposals. The execution of these programme will be subject to availability of funds.

Implementation of Kundankulam Nuclear Power Project

397. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the steps taken to implement the Kundankulam Nuclear Power Project ;

(b) whether the Nuclear Power Corporation had sought Government's clearance for setting up two 500 M.W. reactors each of Indian design at Kundankulam ; if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether France has offered to build the reactors for Kudankulam project ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) An Inter-Governmental Agreement(IGA) of co-operation between USSR and India for construction of a Nuclear Power Station of 2 x 1000M We capcity was signed in November, 1988. Government approved Kundankulam site in Tamil Nadu for setting up of these units. The technical details for preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) and maximum basic cost of the project have been agreed upon between the two parties. Further progress on the project has to await the recent developments in the erstwhile USSR and its implications with respect to supply, contracts, responsibilities, credit etc.

(b) No Sir. The question does not arise at this stage.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.